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December 18, 2008

Dean K. Matsuura
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P.O. Box 2750
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Re: Docket No. 2008-0083 - Application of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rules

Dear Mr. Matsuura:

By order filed on October 31, 2008, the Commission directed Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("HECO"), the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate"), and Department of the Navy on behalf of the Department of Defense ("DOD") (collectively, the "Parties") to submit a stipulated procedural order, incorporating their agreed-upon schedule with respect to this proceeding, within thirty days from the date of the order, or by December 2, 2008.

By letter dated and filed on December 1, 2008, HECO requested, on behalf of the Parties, a three-week extension, until December 23, 2008, to file a stipulated procedural order. HECO represented that an extension was necessary due to HECO's "submission of rate case updates (currently in progress) and the current high level of regulatory work activity[.]"

The Commission will treat HECO's December 1, 2008 letter as a motion for an extension of time ("Motion") under Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") §§ 6-61-23 and 6-61-41. HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1) allows the Commission to enlarge a period by which a required act must be completed upon a showing of good cause provided that a written request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed.¹

After reviewing the entire record, notwithstanding the requirements set forth in the Commission's order filed on October 31, 2008, the Commission grants the Motion and

¹ Motions that do not involve the final determination of a proceeding may be determined by the chairperson or commissioner. See HAR § 6-61-41(e).

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approves HECO's request for an extension of time to December 23, 2008, for the Parties to file a stipulated procedural order for this proceeding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kaiulani Shinsato at 586-2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlito P. Caliboso', written in a cursive style.

Carlito P. Caliboso
Chairman

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